

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 45, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An epoxy resin composition #830 manufactured by Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd. was used as the matrix resin. Using this resin, a resin film was prepared in the same manner as the example 1, and this was then impregnated into a TRK510. The impregnation temperature was set to 50°C. When the resin impregnation ratio of the thus obtained prepreg was measured, the result was 60%, thus confirming the prepreg as conforming to the present invention. Using this prepreg, a molded product ~~of the shape shown in FIG. 3~~ was molded. A wooden female mold was used as the molding die. An 8-ply laminate was formed using an alignment pattern of [0° / 45° / 90° / -45° / -45° / 90° / 45° / 0°], with the release sheet side of the prepreg facing the tool surface, and subsequently prepregs arranged so that the release sheet side faced the opposite side of the previous layer. The operation of laminating the prepregs presented absolutely no problems.

Please replace the abstract at page 75 with the following rewritten abstract:

ABSTRACT

~~An FRP~~ A fiber-reinforced composite material is produced using a prepreg comprising reinforcing fiber, ~~a sheet-like reinforcing fiber substrate containing reinforcing fiber, and a matrix resin, wherein the matrix resin is impregnated into the sheet-like reinforcing fiber substrate and also covers one surface of the sheet-like reinforcing fiber substrate, and the matrix resin impregnation ratio is within a range of 35% to 95%;~~ a prepreg comprising reinforcing fiber, a ~~sheet-like~~ reinforcing fiber substrate in the form of a sheet and containing reinforcing fiber, and a matrix resin, wherein the matrix resin exists on both

surfaces of the sheet-like reinforcing fiber substrate, and the portion inside the sheet-like reinforcing fiber substrate into which the matrix resin has not been impregnated is continuous; ~~or a prepreg comprising reinforcing fiber, a sheet-like reinforcing fiber substrate containing reinforcing fiber, and a matrix resin, wherein at least one surface exhibits a sea-and-island type pattern comprising resin-impregnated portions (island portions) where the matrix resin is present at the surface and fiber portions (sea portions) where the matrix resin is not present at the surface, the surface coverage ratio of the matrix resin on these surfaces with said a sea-and-island type pattern is within a range of 3% to 80%, and the weave intersection coverage ratio for the island portions, represented by a formula (1) shown below, is at least 40%, displays excellent external appearance, with no internal voids or surface pinholes, even when molded is conducted using only vacuum pressure.~~

$$\text{Island portions weave intersection coverage ratio (\%)} = (T/Y) \times 100 \text{ ——— (1)}$$

~~(wherein, T represents a number of island portions that cover weave intersections, and Y represents a number of weave intersections within said reinforcing fiber woven fabric on said surface with said sea-and-island type pattern).~~